

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the filing of Special Legislation relative to the number of signatures of qualified voters required by district candidates of local elective office in the City of Lowell.

Section 9 of Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1921 (“the City of Lowell Charter”), currently provides that candidates for local office provide a petition of at least one-hundred and fifty (150) voters qualified to vote for a candidate for office; and

Municipal elections now include both At-large and District candidates.

It is the desire of the City of Lowell for District candidates to decrease the petition from at least one-hundred and fifty (150) voters qualified to vote for a candidate to fifty (50) said qualified voters; and

It is necessary for the City of Lowell to authorize the filing of Special Legislation in order to accomplish this purpose; and

A majority vote of the Lowell City Council is required for the filing of such petition.

BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

That the City Council of the City of Lowell, by a majority vote, hereby authorizes and approves the filing of special legislation to read as follows:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 9
OF THE 1921 CITY OF LOWELL CHARTER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The last clause of the first sentence of Section 9 of Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1921 be deleted and replaced with the following language: “and with it the petition of at least one-hundred and fifty (150) voters qualified to vote for an At-large candidate; and, for

candidates running for district representation, the signatures of fifty (50) voters who reside in the District.”

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.